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My dear Senator Tobey:

I have received your letter of 9 February requesting the help of the Navy Department in the investigation currently being undertaken by the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. In connection with your request I have been thinking how your needs can best be satisfied.

The Economic Defense Advisory Committee (E.D.A.C.) has been established jointly by the Director for Mutual Security and the Secretary of State to provide for implementation of Public Law No. 213 and National Security Council directives establishing National Policy on Economic Defense. The Director for Mutual Security, and the Secretary of State, requested the Director of Central Intelligence to arrange for the provision of coordinated information needed by him to keep the President and the Congress informed as required by Public Law No. 213. In response, the Director of Central Intelligence agreed to establish appropriate means to implement this requirement. By action of the Intelligence Advisory Committee, the Navy's representative on that committee has been directed to contribute information in support of the above commitment.

Accordingly, it is recommended that your Committee address its request to the Economic Defense Advisory Committee, the Chair of which is DMS, rather than to the Navy Department.

Sincerely yours,